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Judge,

Attached are two separate talking points concerning the Noriega/drug issue for your breakfast meeting tomorrow morning with members of the House Intelligence Committee.

1. Talking points [redacted] These observations are based solely on documents [redacted]

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[redacted] concerning Noriega and drugs. These are very tentative judgments about what we knew and when we first knew it, and I would discuss them only in the most general terms.

2. Talking points prepared by the DI. This is a summary of a paper prepared by the DI on 1 April, which in turn was drawn from two previous intelligence assessments on Panama's role in drug trafficking (prepared in August 1986 and June 1987). The document is based on information obtained from a variety of sources throughout the Intelligence Community, and focuses primarily on our current position regarding Noriega's involvement in drug trafficking. Our conclusion is pretty emphatic--there is a substantial body of information indicating that "General Noriega is--and has long been--involved in drug-related activities in Panama."

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